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Around D-M

Safety Day

A local computer store will sponsor a Crime Prevention and Fire Safety Day for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members and their families at the Williams Center Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is located at 5340 E. Broadway Blvd., near the intersection of Williams and Broadway boulevards. Security forces will provide finger printing, crime prevention information, camouflage face painting and other activities. D-M fire department will provide activities and fire safety information. Call Jennifer McKee at 917-2116 for more information.

Tops in Blue

See the U.S. Air Force's premier entertainment showcase when Tops in Blue comes to the Tucson Convention Center, Aug. 4. The free performance is at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tops in Blue 2000 consists of the best talent the Air Force has to offer. The team of 35 active-duty men and women will perform in 132 shows, at more than 110 U.S. and foreign locations. National sponsors are AT&T and USPA&IRA (no federal endorsement intended). Call Mike Russo, community center director D-M coordinator for Tops in Blue, at 8-3717 for information.

**Days since
last D-M DUI:**

19 

**Need a ride? Call Airmen
Against Drunk Driving
at 850-2233.**

(Current as of Thursday)



Senior Airman Amie Gannon

End of era

A 437th Air Mobility Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., C-141 made its "victory lap" final flight over the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center Monday. The Charleston-based C-141B retired after a 35-year presence at the base, marking the deactivation of the 16th Airlift Squadron,

whose members left farewell messages on the aircraft now residing under Tucson skies. The C-141s were the first aircraft designed to meet military standards as a troop and cargo carrier and served in nearly every military conflict the United States has faced since Vietnam.

CRS members invest in D-M's future, save Air Force money

By Karen Halstead
Public affairs

A small investment in one member of the Air Force can pay off big for the Air Force and with big saving. That's how the information systems team members of the 355th Component Repair Squadron feel about a new training program they designed in August of 1999 and implemented in October 1999.

"Squadron information managers would come to our computer office and receive individualized training," said Staff Sgt. James Potter, 355th CRS senior network engineer. Potter was also the member who spearheaded the creation of the new com-

puter-training program geared to meet the training needs for squadron information managers(3A0s).

When the CRS information systems team identified the need, "I just gave them the go ahead and then stayed out of their way," Maj. Michael Pelletier, 355th CRS commander said. "Our information systems team has provided our wing with an outstanding training capability while saving a sizeable sum of money."

"This career field is more than information management," Potter said. "Members in this career field maintain files and computer systems. Although CRS 3A0's were being trained through other programs,

it seems as though they just didn't get enough training to help them get their job done."

"Initially we designed a structured training program from which we could build a successful foundation for training our 3A0s," Potter said.

Here's the story behind how this training program became a reality.

"One day I was in the office being trained by Sergeant Potter and he began to ask me questions about things I didn't know. Then he said, 'I'm thinking about teaching a class. What do you think about teaching things like ...' and from that point his idea continued to evolve into the

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Commander's Corner

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **members of the 355th Component Repair Squadron propulsion flight**, who achieved the highest spare engine level in Air Combat Command.



Col. Bobby Wilkes
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

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Family quality of life

Comment: I have some suggestions to make the quality of life for the military family members better when their active-duty member is on a temporary duty assignment.

Morale calls: because of the time differences, the rules need to be more flexible. Certified counselors are needed to talk to younger kids in the child development center who experience problems when a parent is TDY.

I know that there is a program offered to "Give Parents a Break" but my child attends the CDC and needed a break from the center. Also, what about the parents who have kids younger than six months?

There needs to be more support from the base for working spouses, doctor's appointments, work orders for base housing and someone to call and check in with the spouse periodically.

When a military member is TDY, the military spouse experiences higher levels of stress. This also stresses the military member.

If we can address these issue and maybe a few others, we can offer the spouse some form of relief during the member's absence.

Response: Thank you for contacting the Commander's Corner to allow me to address this important issue. To answer your concerns as thoroughly as possible, I've addressed each issue individually:

1. Morale calls: The morale call program is available to spouses between the local hours of 7:30 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday to Friday, and all day on weekends and holidays.

We currently have more than 100 spouses actively using the morale call program.

For emergency calls, spouses can come into the family support center and place a call or contact Tech. Sgt. Jeff Miller, FSC family readiness NCO, at 8-7111; he will arrange for an "out-of-cycle" call during duty hours.

2. Certified counselors: Due to the prohibitive cost of providing a certified counselor, we are unable to provide counseling services for children whose active-duty parent is deployed.

We do offer advice to parents who have younger children who may be experiencing problems.

There are several services available through family advocacy—parenting classes and the family advocacy nurse who works with new parents.

The chaplains' office and the pediatric staff at the hospital also offer services for young children.

The FSC can assist through the readiness program and provide information and referral sources in the community.

3. Give Parents a Break: The "Give Parents a Break" program is open to all children, even those younger than six months of age. During normal business hours, the CDC does not provide care for children under six months. The CDC only needs to be notified three days prior to the event to prepare ample staffing. The CDC is available for children up to 5 years old and the youth center is open to those children, 6 and up.

The program is the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. During the months of July and August, it will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday due to holiday and annual leave scheduling.

If you do not want to use the service, we offer "Time for Tots" and Funtime programs for children younger than 4 that is offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

4. More support from other base agencies: The family support center offers the Family Contact Card program. Before deployment, the military member can complete a card with their spouse's information, or the spouse can do so themselves; we place a call at least twice

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Your Final Answer?

Why do you volunteer ?



Martha Brown
355th Medical Group
volunteer

"Volunteering at the hospital is a part of my service to the base chapel."



Elizabeth Hudson
355th Medical Group
volunteer

"I like to meet people and I feel by volunteering I'm doing something useful."



Retired Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Richards
355th Medical Group
volunteer

"Things need to be done and I know my efforts are appreciated."



Katherine Clark
355th Medical Group
volunteer

"Because I enjoy it and I like to meet people."



Ilse Thomas
355th Medical Group
volunteer

"It gives me something to do, because the United States has done so much for me."



Retired Master Sgt. Everett Brow
355th Medical Group
volunteer

"It gives me something to do. I enjoy my work and meeting people."

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a month to those whom we have on file.

When the spouse is contacted we try to provide resources for any problems the family has encountered.

Also, first sergeants provide their phone numbers to families to help with problems that occur during a member's deployment.

The FSC understands the high level of stress military dependents encounter when a member is TDY and that is why we offer the Give Parents a Break; the Hearts Apart; Morale Calls; Video Teleconference Calls; e-mail; Family Contact Cards; and the Car Care Because We Care programs to name a few. All our services are offered to the family, free of charge.

The chapel, mental health, family advocacy and the squadrons all want to reduce the stress on wing members and their family. Miller is available at the FSC and the staff is available after hours through the command post at 8-7400.

All commanders and first sergeants are able to contact the FSC at any time.

The FSC welcomes any feedback the military family members want to provide. With your help, the support system will be solid when military members deploy.

Call the FSC at 8-7111 if you have any questions about the programs and services offered.



Senior Airman Amie Gannon

Nighthawk safety checks

Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, checks identification cards at the Craycroft Road gate with Senior Airman Eric Ross, 355th Security Forces Squadron, during his Nighthawk walk through. Nighthawk is a 12th Air Force ini-

tiative that encourages commanders, first sergeants and other senior leaders to observe shift-work operations to gain feedback from airman who keep nighttime operations running smoothly.

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New commanders

(Left) Maj. Dave Czzowitz, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander, reviews a career development course lesson with Senior Airman Laura Henderson, 355th MSS information manager apprentice. Czzowitz assumed command of the 355th MSS June 28. (Right) Maj. Glenn Rattell, 355th Communications Squadron commander, listens as Senior Master Sgt. Michael Dawson, 355th CS network control center chief, explains computer system operations. Rattell assumed command of the 355th CS June 27.



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown



Airman 1st Class Maryann Walker

Future

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training program we now have," said Senior Airman Kim Lawrence, 355th CRS assistant network administrator.

"I was actually frustrated because of the limited knowledge Airman Lawrence had of the computer," Potter said. "That's how this all started.

"This training program is truly a team effort. We have a very good information systems team here at CRS." Potter is also quick to name all the members of the CRS team, they include: Tech. Sgt. Robert Reynolds, non-commissioned officer in-charge of the 355th CRS information system office, Staff Sgts. Ronald Blakey, Paul Bouton and David Miller, and Senior Airmen Ralph Warren and Lawrence.

Currently, the program provides training in applications, Microsoft Word and Outlook, while also providing the student with details about computer history, theory, trouble-shooting and hands-on time to build a computer from the ground up.

"In the classroom we really stress the importance of teamwork," Potter said. "It's probably the single most important element of the job. A

person can save a ton of time by fostering teamwork around the base. The most valuable asset is the person standing beside you."

According to the CRS information systems team they are already working on a second phase to their training program. This second phase requires each team member to acquire additional certifications, according to Reynolds.

Reynolds expects the second phase to include training students by Microsoft certified trainers so the successfully trained student will receive a Microsoft certificate and earn college credits through a local college.

"The bottom line is that the people who receive our training are better equipped to do their job. They will become a more productive member of the Air Force. Our training program has answered a need not only for CRS, but also the Air Force," Reynolds said.

"The Air Force invested about \$10,000," Potter said. "We've given them back more than \$100,000 in savings. This project has been an investment in our personnel."

The training program was submitted through the Suggestion program and was approved at the local level for base-wide implementation.

Designing and teaching the course is an ad-

ditional duty for these CRS members, according to Reynolds. But it's was more than being an extra duty or paying for a part of their training out of their own pocket. It became labor intensive as they not only had to acquire computers, but also a facility to conduct their classes.

They found a classroom from the 355th CRS avionics flight in Building 136, which required many hours of renovation through a self-help project to prepare the space as a classroom that would meet their training needs. They painted, cleaned the carpet and drapery, replaced ceiling tiles and light bulbs and installed new desks and chairs.

Members of the 355th Logistics Group were able to assist in salvaging 10 computers scheduled to go to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, according to Reynolds. The team upgraded the computers into workstations. They configured the network to handle future possible training loads ranging from Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, Power Point and Access, to upgraded installations of Windows New Technology and Windows 2000.

"Our commander has been kind to have backed us," Reynolds said. "He has been our enabling force, and behind us 100 percent. If it weren't

Hidden Heroes: D-M members receive volunteer medal

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medal for June:

June

◆ Senior Airman Bobbijo Turner, 355th Training Squadron, won the award for her work as a coach with a local U.S. Youth Soccer Association soccer team and as a counselor with the Wright Flight program.

◆ Master Sgt. Lindsey Leonard, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, was recognized for his work as a primary member of the Tucson Rodeo Committee from February 1994 to present.

◆ Staff Sgt. Donald Jackson Jr.,

355th Logistics Support Squadron, was honored with this award for his mentoring of young children and for work in coaching programs on D-M and the local community from June 1994 to February 2000.

◆ Col. Francis Hendricks, 355th Support Group commander, received the award for his work as head coach for youth soccer and basketball while assigned to Randolph AFB, Texas, and Maxwell AFB, Ala., as well as other volunteer services from Aug. 1997 to May 2000.

◆ Tech. Sgt. Daniel Saiz, 355th Mission Support Squadron, was recommended for this award for his volunteer work from Nov. 1994 to May 2000. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts while stationed at Ramstein

Air Base, Germany, and, after arriving at D-M, continued with his volunteer work with the Can-Do Crew, Tucson Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy, Airman Against Drunk Driving and World Care Turkish Relief Fund.

◆ Staff Sgt. Eric Peterson, 355th Security Forces Squadron, was recognized for his volunteer services at D-M and in the local community. He has worked in several organizations, including as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education instructor, a volunteer with the Tucson's Red Ribbon Campaign for a Drug-Free America and the Adopt-A-Park program.

◆ Capt. Jeffrey Addison was recommended for the award for his work in the Air Force Assistance

Fund 2000 Campaign and as a speaker for the Houston Independent School District.

◆ Staff Sgt. Christopher De Marco, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, won the award for his volunteer work from March 1996 to December 1999. While at Hulburt Field, Fla., he coached little league baseball teams, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, he tutored Korean nationals in English and assisted in cooking and serving Thanksgiving dinner at a Korean orphanage and at D-M he assisted the Tucson Chamber of Commerce with their Taste of Tucson fundraising event and assisted with his squadron's Christmas party.

SecDef announces anthrax vaccination changes

The Defense Department will temporarily slow its mandatory anthrax vaccination program because of a shrinking supply of tested, certified vaccine, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced July 10.

According to Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Randall West, a senior Pentagon advisor on chemical and biological defense, most of the remaining vaccine will be used to help protect those serving in the high-threat areas of Southwest Asia and Korea. Others will be deferred for the time being to sustain current supplies.

"In light of this slow down, we will do our best to ensure those Air Force men and women at highest risk are vaccinated according to the Secretary of Defense's guidance," said Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton Jr., Air Force Surgeon General.

Protecting our forces against a known and viable threat must be weighed against ensuring every lot of the anthrax vaccine used meets national safety, purity and sterility standards, General West said. A full resumption of the vaccination effort will occur when a sufficient supply of FDA-approved and certified safe and effective vaccine is available.

Precise plans for resuming vaccinations will be based on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and consultation with the FDA.

Even though most of the details resulting from this slow down have been decided and will be announced soon, some details remain to be worked out, according to DOD sources.



Courtesy photo

The Air Force surgeon general said the service will continue to ensure Air Force members at high risk are vaccinated according to Department of Defense guidance.

AAFES recalls children's toy

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service in conjunction with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Today's Kids, of Dallas, is recalling more than 103,000 spinning ride toys.

A center column on the "Music & Lights Kidaround Spinner" can break, causing the child to suddenly

fall backward, or be hit in the face by the broken column. Consumers should take these spinning ride toys away from children immediately.

Customers should look for model number 916, item 495406447, UPC 022983009160 and CRC 4456696.

Consumers should remove the bolt from the bottom of the spinner

and throw away the washer found on the bolt. Next, unscrew the battery cover and cut the ribbon attaching the cover to the column of the toy. For safety reasons, keep small parts out of a child's reach and throw the rest of the toy away immediately. Finally, wrap the removed bolt and the battery cover in a single piece of paper and place in a standard envelope and send it to: Today's Kids 13630 Neutron Road Dallas, TX

75244.

The supplier will send a confirmation letter with \$1 coin to defray the costs for shipping the parts to the supplier. In approximately late August they will send you a newly designed spinner, free of charge.

Call the company at (800) 916-TOYS Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. central time or visit their Web site at www.todayskids.com for more information.

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Senior airmen score well, make rank

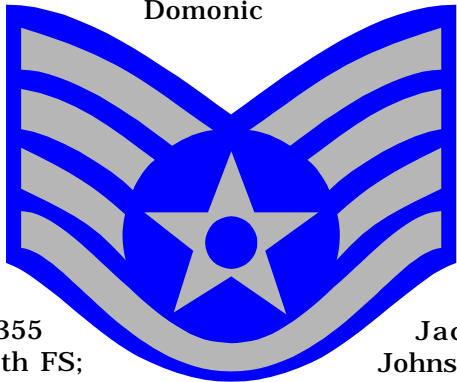
The following senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant:

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By Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Koltanowski
355th Transportation Squadron

I want to be smarter, more valuable to myself and others. I want to share what I know with others.

I'd love to pass on all the things I've learned through the years. I'd love to spend time using and improving our on-the-job training programs for our people, but I'm too busy doing other things!

Does this sound familiar?

Ever have so much going on that you don't have time to do any more?

Or how about not having time to do things you know you have to do?

Well, don't fret, you're not alone, but that doesn't make it right.

I like the way I heard it put once: "Ever been so busy driving you didn't have time to get gas?" Well we all know what happens when we don't stop to get gas. Why then, do we think our cars are the only things that can sputter, stall and stop on the side of the road? What about the people who depend on us to provide them the fuel they need to perform well? Did you ever stop to think, "if I don't have time, who will?"

I often find myself involved in a lot of activities.

My days fill quickly with ap-

Training? ... Who has time?

“ No matter how it happens, it's vital to our people and others that we take time and pass on what we know.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Koltanowski
355th Transportation Squadron



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pointments and tasks I've committed to.

Sometimes I sit back and evaluate the importance of all the activities I'm involved in.

For example, when I prepared to speak to the First Term Airman Center or Airman Leadership School students about my Air Force, I asked myself how important are these events? Then, I remember that "if I don't have time, who will?"

Time is definitely one commodity we only get in a finite supply.

There are no extra hours or minutes in the day to savor away

and use again some other time.

There is no other opportunity to make a first impression, to accomplish something due today, or to help someone grow or learn with our help.

We must take every opportunity to make these things happen.

How often is the Air Force's on-the-job training program, with its extensive record keeping and skill upgrade process, ignored?

You be the judge of that.

How many of the training programs have "No wet-ink" because we failed to take the time to train? Be honest now. I imag-

ine many of our training programs are not 100 percent and could be improved.

How's yours?

Failing to find the time to train is a problem directly related to the supervisor.

I believe most deficient squadron-training programs are attributed to poor supervisor involvement.

How much time have you taken this week to train? So remember "if I don't take the time, who will?"

Over the years, I've listened to commanders tell me this part or that part of the enlisted corps is not cutting it or as sharp as they once were.

But the truth in this matter is we're all responsible for those in the ranks beside us.

So, if we don't take the time to share with them, they will miss the important information we have but often forget to share with them.

Oh, I know, many of you are saying people are more educated now than they were 20 years ago, people need to work hard like we did and go to school if they want to improve themselves. I too, tried to rationalize why it's not my job to make them smarter, but then I remember, "if I don't take the time to do it, who will?"

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Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Peck, Commander, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center; Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; visiting Operating Location DF (D-M's AFOTEC office)

Retired Lt. Gen. Joseph Hurd

SES-1 Dave Hamilton, Deputy Director, Air Force Test and Evaluation; visiting Operating Location DF (D-M's AFOTEC office)

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken; guest speaker for the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony

355th Wing Flying Goals

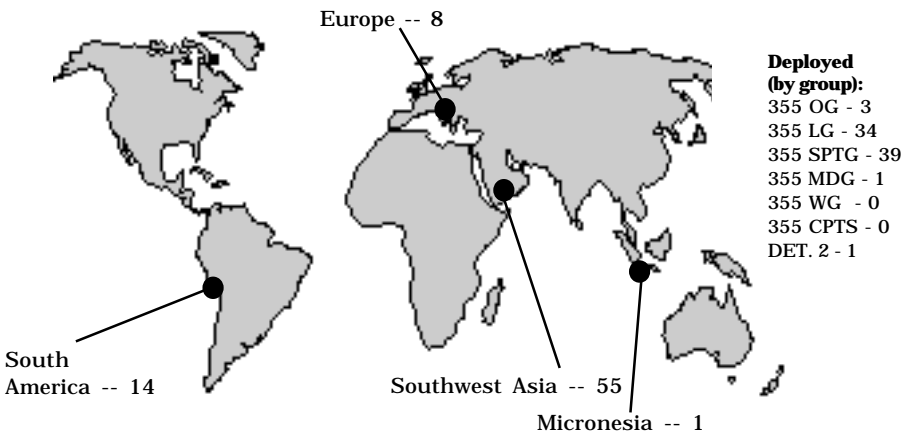


	Hours			Sorties		
	41st	42nd	43rd	354th	357th	358th
Goal	225	390	270	459	380	375
Flown	126	268	132	290	261	220
Delta	-11	34	-4	1	27	-4
YTD	46	68	31	42	63	25

Current as of Wednesday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **504** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.



Deployed (by group):
355 OG - 3
355 LG - 34
355 SPTG - 39
355 MDG - 1
355 WG - 0
355 CPTS - 0
DET. 2 - 1

Total: 78

Other locations -- 0
Current as of Monday

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Safety tips key to enjoyable water skiing experience

Water skiing is an exciting and challenging sport. However, like all “fast-action” sports that are fun, it does possess an element of risk. Many skiers and boaters are not aware of the potential hazards of water-skiing and as a result, are hurt or even killed pursuing this recreational sport. Attention to hazards in the area where you are skiing is especially critical due to the ever-growing number of boats out on the water.

The size of the water area in which you intend to ski determines the number of boats and skiers that can operate within it at the same time. Each boat should be able to maintain a 200-foot wide “ski corridor” (100 feet on either side of the boat). The entire “skiing course” should be at least 2,000 to 3,000 feet long to avoid constant turning and risky maneuvering.

A minimum depth of five to six feet of obstacle-free water is suggested for safe skiing to:

Training

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In my 25-year career, there’s been little time to train, mentor or teach others what I know or share past experiences, unless I recognized it, took the time and made it happen.

Life seldom presents an abundance of free time to train or mentor.

I’ve found we have to plan it, make it happen and take advantage of any unexpected opportunity to do it right away.

No matter how it happens, it’s vital to our people and others that we take time and pass on what we know.

So, I challenge supervisors of all grades to set aside one hour this coming week to spend some quality time with your people and teach them something useful.

Take time to talk with them, mentor them, and teach them something that’ll make their jobs easier or enrich their lives.

Teach them, train them, and make them better than they are now.

Because, remember, if you take the time now, you’ll be able to stop worrying about who will.

Keep the skis from dragging bottom during starts, and to allow for a margin of safety against hitting bottom or submerged obstacles during a fall.

Serious injuries can result from hitting fixed objects such as docks, pilings or stumps. While many areas with obstacles are marked by warning buoys or signs, it is up to the boat operator, observer and skier to be alert to any potential hazards in the skiing area. Avoid solid objects when landing. Many serious injuries occur when skiers attempt to stop near docks or pilings. Ski only in areas you are familiar with. Consult charts of the area, ask other skiers who possess “local knowledge,” and personally drive through the course before you actually ski it.

As a rule, avoid skiing when the water is rough due to high winds. Choppy water demands a greater skill level and causes the skier to fatigue more quickly, often because the tow boat can’t maintain a constant speed. Skiing in the rain is not recommended because of the loss of visibility experienced by the boat operator. When skiing in cooler weather, be aware of the effects of hypothermia. Loss of body heat leads to a reduction in coordination and judgement. The use of wet suits is an effective way to ward off the chilling effects of wind and cold water.

Safety tips for water skiers

Don’t take unnecessary risks while water-skiing. The following tips will help you safely enjoy this thrilling sport:

Always have an observer in the boat. This is a legal requirement in many states. The boat driver can’t watch the skier and operate the boat safely at the same time.

Always wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device designed for water skiing. Ski belts are not recommended and in some cases are illegal to use in some states. Your approved PFD will help keep you afloat.

Never ski in rough water. High waves or a choppy sea will prevent the towboat from maintaining a steady course and speed, to say nothing of the impact on the skis themselves.

Stay clear of congested areas and obstructions. Water-skiing requires a lot of open area. Don’t spray or “buzz” swimmers, boats or other skiers. Such stunts are dangerous, discourte-

ous, and could cause an unintentional collision.

Never ski after dark. It is hazardous and illegal. Any boat traveling fast enough to tow a skier is traveling too fast to navigate safely at night.

Never water-ski while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such activity is extremely dangerous because of the impairment to your judgement and ability to respond. A recent study conducted with expert skiers who were deliberately intoxicated indicated that even their ability to ski was dramatically reduced.

Use hand signals between the skier and observer. Agree before you start what each signal means so there is no confusion at a critical moment.

Keep away from crowded beaches, docks, swimming areas, rocks and bridge pilings.

Retrieving a skier

Falling down in the water while water-skiing is a common occurrence, especially for beginners. If a skier has fallen or made a water landing, pick them up as soon as possible, since floating skiers are difficult for other boats to see. While waiting to be picked up, the skier should hold up a ski to increase their chances of being recognized in the water. The boat operator reduces speed immediately while the observer maintains visual contact with the skier and directs the operator. Return to pick up the fallen skier with the boat at reduced speed and headed into the wind or current, whichever is stronger. Always turn off the engine when approaching the skier. The observer is to watch for the skier’s signal to indicate the skier is alright. If the signal is not seen, the operator must assume the skier is injured and needs immediate assistance. If the skier is injured but is able to grasp and hold a line, maneuver the boat upwind and close to the injured person. Turn off the engine, throw the injured skier a line and gently haul them in. If they can’t grasp and hold a line, follow the same procedure, but let the boat drift towards them without power. Always keep the operator’s side toward the victim and never retrieve anyone from the water with the engine running. Put a swimmer in the water to retrieve a skier only as a last resort. *(Courtesy 355th Wing Safety Office)*

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Test your knowledge with the Great Eye Debate

As you may have already realized, from base to base and state to state, rules and regulations sometimes change. You hear “old wives tales” and seemingly great advice from your friends, co-workers and family. Presented here is a general questionnaire containing questions and answers to common vision and eye complaints.

1. Contact lens prescriptions are the same as glasses prescriptions.

2. An optometrist can look at the contact lenses on my eyes and be able to give me a contact lens prescription.

3. When I go in for an eye exam, I do not need to bring my contact lenses or glasses because all of the information required is in my medical records.

4. I do not need to clean my daily wear disposable contact lenses every night after I take them out.

5. It's OK for me to sleep with my contact lenses on my eyes.

6. I should have an annual eye exam if I wear contact lenses.

7. If I wear contact lenses, I do not need glasses.

8. My prescription must be less than one year old to order new glasses or contact lenses.

9. As a military member, I need to have two pair of glasses at all times — one pair must be military issue.

10. If I am in the military and wear glasses, I must have gas mask inserts.

11. If my eyes are red and/or irritated, I should take out my contact lenses immediately and wear my glasses for one to two days prior to reinserting my contact lenses.

12. If I have a sudden change in vision, loss of vision or partial loss of vision, I can wait a few days to see if it will go away.



Senior Airman Amie Gannon

Staff Sgt. Sean O'Neal, optometry craftsman, measures the pupillary distance of Army Specialist Viola Bodin, 285th Army Guard, Marana.

13. Bottle rockets are a leading cause of eye injuries while using fireworks.

14. If I get a foreign object in my eye, I should try to remove it as quickly as possible.

15. The more I wear my glasses, the worse my eyes will get.

16. If I wear my glasses less, my eye will get better.

17. If I have chronic red eye, I should use eyedrops to “get the red out.”

18. I need to have an annual eye exam if I have diabetes or high blood pressure.

19. Common eye complaints in a desert climate environment are dry, gritty, itchy, burning and foreign body sensations.

20. If I get chemicals in my eyes, I should immediately go to the emergency room or eye clinic.

Let's see how you scored on the Great Eye Debate.

1 - False; 2 - False; 3 - False. Always bring

your most recent glasses, contact lenses and contact lens prescription/information; 4 - False; 5 - False; 6 - True

7 - False. It is always a good idea to have back-up glasses just in case you lose or tear your contact lenses. Also, if you have a red, irritated eye or eye infection you may be required to wear glasses for an extended period during the body's natural healing process; 8 - True in Arizona. However, it depends on the state. Different states have different regulations and expiration dates; 9 - True; 10 - False. However, you should let the eye clinic at your duty station and/or your functional supervisor help make the final decision for you. If you will be required to drive a government vehicle and have a glasses requirement on your drivers license, you must have gas mask inserts. Remember, “vision ready” is “mission ready”; 11 - True; 12 - False; 13 - True. The most common time of the year for eye injuries occurs during the 4th of July holiday from fireworks-related incidents; 14 - False. First, irrigate your eye to try to rinse the foreign body out. If this fails to remove it and/or it continues to be irritated, consult your local eye clinic personnel to have it evaluated; 15 - False; 16 - False; 17 - False; 18 - True; 19 - True; 20 - False. You should first irrigate your eyes with saline or water for 15 to 20 minutes, then go to the emergency room as soon as possible for further irrigation and evaluation.

If you have any questions, please call the eye clinic at 8-2737. If you are active duty and need to make an appointment, please call 8-2699. All other beneficiaries, call Tri-West at 512-1420. We are currently 50-percent manned, so our appointment availability is 30 days out. *(Courtesy of the 355th Medical Group Optometry Clinic)*

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Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter

Sonoran Spotlight



Name and rank: Senior Airman Ricky Longnecker

Organization and duty title: 355th Operations Support Squadron; NCO in-charge, Intelligence Operations Systems

Main responsibilities: Computer support for the 355th OSS Intelligence Flight

Best aspects of the job: Opportunity to work with new and high-tech computers

Hometown: West Plains, Mo.

Years of service: Seven

Why did you join the Air Force: I joined to see the world.

Career goals: Someday work for a small company as a system administrator or web master

Hobbies, outside activities: Hunting, fishing, horses and motorcycles

Favorite sports team: Kansas City Chiefs

Someone who inspires you or that you admire and why: My wife Kathleen; she manages to keep her career and our family together, despite moves and deployments ... there is nothing she can't do.

Dream vehicle: Honda Valkarie Interstate

Dream vacation: Australia

Dream assignment: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Advertising

By Master Sgt. Greg Pleasant
Military Equal Opportunity

The Unit Climate Assessment is a management tool offered to commanders to help identify positive and negative factors that help or hinder the mission.

UCA's are conducted on a regular basis for each unit with 50 or more military/civilian personnel assigned. A separate letter sent to the civilian personnel office in conjunction with the local bargaining unit clears civilian employees to participate in the process including completing surveys and personal interviews. Ultimately the UCA is tailored to meet the needs of the commander.

UCA's are conducted six months after a commander assumes command, on the commander's request, or every two years. The process includes compiling and analyzing survey data results, conducting personal interviews. Additional information such as Article 15's, control rosters and Unfavorable Information File data may be gathered to get a better perspective of the unit. A quick look at recognition programs and involuntary separations may also be helpful in assessing the unit's equal opportunity environment. A review of all closed formal complaints, informal complaints and incident for the unit will be used to determine trend data. The potential impact on the unit's human relations climate must also be assessed.

Participation in the UCA pro-

MEO Unit Climate Assessment Program: How is the climate at Davis-Monthan?

gram is strictly voluntary. Unit members are randomly selected to participate in the UCA and should be encouraged. If during the course of a UCA a formal EO complaint arises, we will suspend the UCA process to brief the commander of the details of the complaint. After the briefing, the commander determines whether or not to continue or terminate the UCA based on the impact of the complaint. Normally MEO would not continue the UCA when a formal complaint is pending the final outcome. When the complaint is closed, the commander may elect to continue or cancel the UCA.

Prior to the visit, the MEO team will assess the unit's mission, organizational structure, work center locations, duty hours and demographic composition of unit members. This provides the team with a preliminary picture of the unit. The team composition will vary according to local mission, priorities and staffing. The team chief will assign appropriate tasks and responsibilities and schedule all required briefings in advance

with the unit commander and designated representative.

In the past two years three options were added to provide the commander with more flexibility.

UCA I: Provides a comprehensive review of the unit's trend data, survey analysis, interviews, and a final report.

UCA II: Includes survey distribution, tabulation, and analysis, with a final report.

UCA III: interviews only, with a final report.

Option I: Requires three meetings; the initial inbrief, post survey meeting, and a final outbrief.

Options II and III include two briefings; the initial inbrief and the final outbrief.

The commander determines who attends the briefings.

MEO's goal is accurate, precise and clear reporting of information. This is accomplished in two phases — an outbrief and a final written report. In Options I and II, the commander receives the survey results with a brief synopsis identifying positive and nega-

tive factors which could affect unit effectiveness. The final report culminates the UCA, providing a record of the visit and a summary of relevant information gathered from trend data, surveys and interviews. It helps the commander determine which activities in the unit are critical to mission accomplishment and what conditions hinder or help to accomplish those activities. It also provides information on the unit's effectiveness of resolving potential issues such as fair treatment, unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, interpersonal relationships, managerial concerns, channels of communications and morale.

Finally, the commander's critique is an essential tool for us to identify the effectiveness of the UCA. At the conclusion of the visit, the team will provide an Air Force Form 3969, Commander's Unit Climate Assessment Critique for completion. Once the critique is completed it becomes a part of the unit's continuity file.

The primary objective of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Equal Opportunity Office is to improve mission effectiveness by promoting an environment free from personal, social, or institutional barriers that hinder overall mission accomplishment.

The MEO Office has been aggressively tackling a new schedule to ensure units meet the standard. Call 8-5509 for more information or e-mail MEO at 355wg.me@dm.af.mil.

A and A Days: Cockpit notes

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds are slated to perform precision aerial maneuvers for the hundreds of thousands of spectators expected to attend Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's air show Nov. 4 and 5.

The Thunderbirds mission is to demonstrate the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft to people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities of Air Force members who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.

The squadron's objectives include: support to Air Force recruiting and retention programs; reinforce the public's confidence in the Air Force; demonstrate to the public the professional competence of Air Force personnel; strengthen morale and esprit de corps among Air Force personnel; support Air Force community relations and people-to-people programs;



Courtesy photo

The Thunderbirds first flew aerial demonstrations in 1953 the F-84G. They are shown above flying the traditional diamond formation.

represent the United States and its armed forces to foreign nations; and project international goodwill.

A Thunderbirds air demonstration is a mix of six aircraft, performing formation flying and solo routines.

The pilots perform approximately 30 maneuvers during a demonstration. The entire show, including ground and air, lasts about an hour and 15 minutes.

Since the unit's inception in 1953 at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., more than 310 million

people in all 50 states and 59 foreign countries have witnessed the red, white, and blue jets in more than 3,500 official aerial demonstrations.

For the first few weeks of their existence, the Air Force's newest demonstration team was then called the "Stardusters." A contest was conducted at Luke to pick the name of the team. Although 25 percent

of the entries suggested Thunderbirds, the name was considered too common in the Phoenix area. Staff Sgt. Fred Sesena won a \$50 savings bond and a trip to Las Vegas for his suggestion, the Stardusters.

The name would later be changed to the Thunderbirds by order of Air Training Command commander Lt. Gen. Robert Harper.

For more information about the Thunderbirds visit their web site at www.nellis.af.mil/thunderbirds or at www.usaf.thunderbirds@nellis.af.mil.

Korea remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (over the next three years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman will run significant events related to the Korean War.)

This week in 1950, the following significant events occurred:

July 24: Fifth Air Force moved its advance headquarters from Japan to Taegu, South Korea, locating it next to the Eighth U.S. Army Headquarters in Korea for ease of communication and coordination. Far East Air Forces established the advanced headquarters as Fifth Air Force in Korea. The U.N. Command was formally established in Tokyo, Japan, commanded by Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who assigned responsibility for ground action in Korea to Army Lt. Gen. Walton Walker, Commander, Eighth U.S. Army; naval action to Navy Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, Commander, Naval Forces, Far East; and air action to Lt. Gen. George Stratemeyer, Commander, Far East Air Forces.

July 28: The first amphibious SA-16 Albatross aircraft arrived in Japan for air rescue service off the Korean coast.

July 30: Forty-seven B-29s bombed the Chosen Nitrogen Explosives Factory at Hungnam on the east coast of North Korea.

July 31: As North Korean troops continued to advance, General Walker ordered U.N. forces to withdraw to a new defensive line along the Naktong River.



Courtesy photo

F-86 pilots are shown with their aircraft before a mission in Korea. The F-86, nicknamed the Sabre, was the first swept-wing airplane in the U.S. fighter inventory. The F-86 scored consistent victories over Russian-built MiG fighters during the Korean War, accounting for a final ratio of 10-to-1. All 39 United Nations jet aces won their laurels in Sabres.

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Little League to Big League

Former D-M junior slugger gets his shot, succeeds in majors

By Karen Halstead
Public affairs

When Jeromie Spillman was just a young boy he didn't really think much about playing major league ball. But today the 21-year-old, minor league player is pleased about being drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I think every child who plays baseball dreams of becoming a major league baseball player," he said. "But I would also have to say that my full intentions of becoming a pro baseball player didn't develop until around the age of 10 when I first moved to Arizona."

Spillman's father retired from the Air Force in 1999, and now lives in the Tucson community with his family. His mother works at the 355th Logistics Support Squadron as the commander's secretary.

Spillman and his brother began playing ball while they were stationed in Germany in the mid 1980s. "I didn't realize how big the sport of baseball really was while I lived in Germany. Baseball wasn't really that popular over there,"

Spillman said.

Then Jeromie's father got orders to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in 1989. The brothers really took to playing Little League and their parents gave them lots of support.

"Parents need to stay involved with their children's activities," said Jeromie's father. "I learned as much as I could about the sport so I could help Jeromie and the other players on the (Little League) team."

His father coached in the Apache Little League at D-M. Jerome pitched for the Indians. The base Little League is now the Roadrunners.

"I used to tell the parents of our players that the most important thing they can do for their son was to support them," Spillman said. "Little Leaguers need to see their mom and dad in the stands when they play. When the players would hear their parents cheering for them you could tell it meant the world to the players."

"Little League is a starting point. Kids never know what they have unless they try. Succeed or



Courtesy photo

A young Jeromie Spillman shows his form during his Little League days at D-M.

not, at least they try," Mr. Spillman said of the kids he coached in Little League. "It is especially difficult for ours. They don't have the same hometown notoriety that other players do who grow-up in the same city and play for the same team year after year."

"Military moms and dads don't always realize what can happen for their kids who are sports inclined either. If any child wants it (to be successful at professional sports), the family must work together for it (to happen)."

When Jeromie was drafted in round 37 of 50, he didn't care if he would've been the first or the last one picked, he just wanted to be picked.

"All he wanted was to have a chance to show a major league team what he has to offer their club. He just wanted his foot in the door," Spillman said.

According to Spillman, more than 50,000 players try to get drafted each year and only 1,500 actually get picked.

"Time was running out," Jeromie said of the day he was drafted. "I followed the draft on my computer and saw many of my friends being drafted. That day seemed like the longest day of my life."

"I remember answering the phone," he said. "The scout introduced himself and at that moment I realized all my prayers had been answered. The scout said, 'How would you like to be a Toronto Blue Jay?' I think I actually answered him before he finished asking the question."

He wears number 14 for the Medicine Hats Blue Jays, whose camp is in Alberta, Canada, and one of seven minor league teams with the Toronto Blue Jays. As a left-handed, long relief pitcher,

he's made five appearances in seven innings with eight strikeouts, four walks and four earned runs. His earned run average is between 6.00-6.50, but he clearly points out, "It's still early in the season."

Jeromie attributes his success to all the hard work he put forth over the past 16 years. "My hard work finally paid off," he said. "I thank God for the strength and courage he has blessed me with during those years."

"I loved having my father as my youth baseball coach. He was always pushing me to be the best player I could be," Jeromie said. "He was a really good coach."

"My wife spent many hours on the road between Tucson and Phoenix when Jeromie played with a Houston Astros-sponsored winter league team," Spillman said. At the time he was stationed at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., and separated from the family. "Jeromie was really fortunate to have spent time with the professionals. He was coached by several here in Tucson."

As for playing with the minor leagues, Jeromie says, the minor league is even better than he had expected.

"The minor league is my motivation. I have seen the luxury the major league teams have. I don't want to be stuck on a bus for every road trip so I'll work my butt off," he said. "There is always someone else working harder than me."

"I look up to my parents the most," he said. "They have sacrificed so much for our family. They are the ones that made it possible for me to further my baseball career. At the end of my junior year my dad received orders to move to South Dakota. My mom chose to stay behind so my brother and I could finish our senior year at the high school where we had started."

"They had to support two households and it was tough, but they did it for us. I love them for that."

Jeromie was drafted before he finished college, but he expects to return to college this fall to finish his major in physical education with a minor in humanities. "If you truly believe that you will be successful, then no one can stop you from realizing your dreams," he said.



Courtesy photo

Jeromie Spillman during his playing days at Grand Canyon University.

Sports Shorts

Wing run

There's a wing run Aug. 2 beginning at 6:30 a.m. Call the fitness center at 8-3714 for more information.

Health bar warning

According to officials from the health and wellness center, a health bar, marketed under the name Nutriva, contains hemp seed. Hemp seed products contain varying levels of tetrahydrocannabinol, an active ingredient of marijuana, which is detectable under the Air Force Drug Testing Program. Air Force personnel are reminded that ingestion of products containing hemp seed are off limits(violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ). Call the HAWC at 8-5002 for more information.

Basketball camp

Young hoopsters, ages 9 to 18, can sign up now to attend the Phoenix Suns Basketball Camp, Aug. 9. Players will work on basic game strategy and shooting, as well as more advanced skills. Appropriate clothing is required, and cameras are not allowed into the gym. Transportation leaves at 11 a.m., returns at 7:30 p.m., and costs \$10. There's a stop for food on the return trip; bring extra money. Volunteer chaperones are needed now. Space is limited. Register now at the youth center, or call 8-8373 for details.

Golf clinics

There are adult golf clinics every Tuesday and Thursday in August at the Blanchard Course for players of all experience levels. Ladies attend Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday sessions, also 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., are open to everyone. Clinics cost \$10 each. Sign

up for clinics at the pro shop, or phone 8-3734 for further information.

Aerobics, exercise classes

The staff at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offer a full lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:20 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

Wednesday - 10:10 to 11 a.m. - Spinner (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick box (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing beginners (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing advanced (Basheera)

Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

Friday - 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Saturday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinner (Corinne)
Call the center at 8-3714 for more information.

Softball tournament

The 12th annual "Weekend Bash" softball tournament has been scheduled for Aug. 5 and 6 at Lincoln Park. It is open to all Department of Defense intramural softball teams. Prizes

will be awarded to the top four teams. The entry fee is \$160. Call Greg Manning at 8-4190 for more information.

Golf tournament

The base rugby team is hosting the 20th Annual Nauglehead Golf Tournament Aug. 5 at The Links at Continental Ranch. Entry fee is \$70 per person for the four-person scramble tournament, and includes cart, T-shirt, beverage tickets, goodie bag, prizes, raffle and banquet. Shotgun start is at 7:30 a.m. Call Jay Gregson, 8-2136; Larry Bates, 8-4874; or Mark Bell, 790-6199 for more information.

Rugby players

Players are needed for the upcoming rugby season, which starts in the fall and continues until the spring. Call Jay Gregson, 8-2136; Larry Bates, 8-4874; or Dick Battock, 886-7003 for more information.

Golf/lunch special

Golfers buying lunch any weekend get a second meal (equal or less value) at no charge, just by showing their golf receipt. This two-for-one special is valid Saturdays and Sundays, at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant. Call the pro shop, 8-3734, or restaurant, 8-7066.

Volleyball tryouts

All women interested in trying out for the D-M women's varsity volleyball team should call Airman 1st Class Chris Rodriguez at 8-4886 or 8-3224 or e-mail him at christopher.rodriguez@dm.af.mil. As soon as he gets a sufficient number of people interested he will hold tryouts. Also call Jay Junsay at the base gym at 8-3714.

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Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Golf

Intramural - Tuesday

(as of July 11)

Team	W-L
MSS	25-7
EMS	24-8
43 ECS	22-10
LSS	17.5-14.5
SUPS #2	16-8
12 AF #1	16-8
MDG	15-9
SVS	14.5-17.5
COMM	10-6
41 ECS	10-14
12 AF #3	8-24
42 ACCS #1	6-26

Intramural - Wednesday

(as of July 12)

Team	W-L
CES	36.5-11.5
SFS	34.5-13.5
CRS	34-14
SUPS #1	32-16
12 AF #2	31-17
25 OWS	26.5-21.5
TRS	23.5-16.5
Det 2 67 IG	19.5-20.5
OSS	16-32
CPTS	11-37
TRANS	8.5-39.5
42 ACCS #2	7-41

Pin-bound

Raymond Hickle (left) bowls during the “Have-A-Ball Bag & Shoe” league at D-M Lanes. Leagues bowl Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturdays.

Bowling

Tuesday Doubles

(Week 6)

Team	W-L
Team 6	32-16
Team 1	31-17
Team 3	28-20
Team 8	27-21
Team 5	24-24
Team 4	18-30
Team 7	16-32
Team 2	16-32

High Scratch Game - Men: Jason Bauer, 223; Lloyd Lee, 216

High Scratch Game - Women: Joyce Vaughn, 182; Vi Teer, 152

High Handicap Game - Men: Brian Lubecki, 248; Kara Kennedy, 244; Jason Bauer, 243

High Handicap Game - Women: Pearl Pelley, 237; Joyce Vaughn, 218

High Scratch Series - Men: Jason Bauer, 643; Earl Teer, 608; Lee Lloyd, 601

High Series Scratch - Women: Joyce Vaughn, 510; Vi Teer, 438; Pearl Pelley, 314

High Series Handicap - Men: Jason Bauer, 703; Brian Lubecki, 664; Kara Kennedy, 654

High Series Handicap - Women: Joyce Vaughn, 618; Pearl Pelley, 614; Vi Teer, 603

Have-A-Ball Bag & Shoe

(Week 13)

Team	W-L
Heart Attacks	62-34

Exterminators	62-42
Yeah Right	60-44
Lefties	56-48
Stayin' Alive	51-53
The Gutterballs	50-54
Alley Oops	43-61
Yustom Snow	32-72

High Game - Men: Arnold Nunes, 236; Chris Rodrigues, 211; Ryan Kinsey, 211

High Game - Women: Barb Nunes, 171; Candy Gregory, 171; Val Schreiterer, 155

High Series - Men: Arnold Nunes, 682; Chris Rodrigues, 606; Ryan Kinsey, 606

High Series - Women: Barb Nunes, 477; Val Schreiterer, 438; Candy Gregory, 422

Youth-Adult

(Week 8)

Team	W-L
Team 2	38-26
F-117 Stealth	34-30
Cheaters	32-32
Vacant	30-34
Team 1	30-34
Team 5	28-36

High Game - Men: Lynn Parker, 231; Tony Martinez, 142; Trevor Parker, 126

High Game - Women: Candy Gregory, 140

High Series - Men: Lynn Parker, 643; Harlan Johnson, 411; Tom Cross, 390

High Series - Women: Candy Gregory, 370

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Chapel events

Protestant schedule

Today: Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

Saturday: Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

Sunday: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Chapels 1 and 2; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 2 annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1.

Tuesday: Singles' Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220.

Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, noon, Chapel 1; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, Chapel 1, 7 p.m. Call 8-5411 for more information.

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1; there will be no Confraternity of Christian Doctrine until September.

Monday through Friday: Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Chapel 2; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 2.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Chapel 1.

Islamic schedule

Today: Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.

Visit the chapel's Web site at www.dm.af.mil/chapel for more information.



On-base clubs

Officers Club

Today: Burger burn, 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday: Barber shop closed.

Sunday: Mini-brunch is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday: Club and barber close at 2 p.m.

Tuesday: Prime rib specials, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Two-for-one steak night, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Thursday: Two-for-one fajitas, 5:30 to 8 p.m.; two for \$11.95.

Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

Today: Prime rib for two, 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday: Cabana opens at 1 p.m.

Sunday: Club closed; Cabana open.

Monday: Ask about Cabana specials.

Tuesday: Two-for-one steak night, 4:30 to 8 p.m.; bingo appreciation night, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Dollar-off night.

Thursday: Double services bucks night.

Dining facility closure

Beginning Aug. 1, the Desert Inn Dining Facility will be closed for 60 days for re-plumbing. Enlisted meal card holders and non-meal card holders will be put on Basic Allowance for Subsistence at the 'rations in-kind not available' rate of \$8.54 per diem. The Roadrunner flight kitchen remains open to support the 355th Wing's flying mission. Through Sept. 30, the D-M Lanes Head Pin Café, the golf course's Eagle's Nest Restaurant and Cabana Pizza (carry-out) extend a 10 percent discount to all meal card holders.

This is a good time for airmen (E-1 through E-4) to join the Desert Oasis Club. Airmen joining in August and September get 10 services bucks when they sign up. Services bucks can be used like cash at more than a dozen services locations. Monthly dues for grades E-1 through E-4 are just \$5. For dining facility information, call the food service office at 8-3030. Get answers to pay-related questions by calling military pay at 8-5111.

Membership drive results

The 355th Services Squadron's recent membership drive ended last month. Drawings were conducted at both clubs for a year free of dues or a free year of golf at the Blanchard Course. The Officers Club winner was 2nd Lt. Stephen Hendren, 355th Transportation Squadron. Tech. Sgt. Patrick Crickard, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was the Desert Oasis winner. The two squadrons with the greatest percentage gain of new members during the drive will receive a \$500 credit toward their next official function at the club. The Officers Club's top squadron was the 41st Electronic Control Squadron. At the Desert Oasis, the top unit was the 355th EMS.



Community events

Today: Family cosmic bowl, 9 p.m. to midnight.

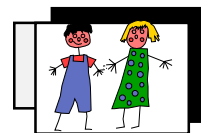
Saturday: Arizona Mills trip, call 8-3700; trail ride, call 8-3736.

Monday: Community center Marketplace, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Tops in Blue, Aug. 4; call community center, 8-3717; seniors bowl at 1 p.m., call 8-3461.

Wednesday: Yoga class at the community center, 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday: Pizza bar at D-M Lanes, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Youth programs

Today: Teens tube the Salt River, call 8-8465; 50-cent games for kids all day, D-M Lanes.

Saturday: Teen midnight basketball at the youth center, call 8-8373.

Monday: Kids bowl free, 10 a.m. to noon, D-M Lanes (plus shoes).

Tuesday: Preteen/teen movie, noon to 3 p.m., call 8-8383.

Wednesday: Passport to Manhood, youth center, 6 to 7 p.m.; youth crafts, skills center, 1 to 3 p.m., call 8-4385.

Thursday: Torch Club meets, youth center, 2 p.m.

Girl Scouts

All registered Girl Scouts and their families may swim from 6 to 8 p.m. tomorrow at the base pool. All girls who would like to register for the Girl Scouts may also do so at this time and enjoy the evening swimming. Registration forms must be filled out on location and the \$7 registration fee must also be paid. For additional information, call Dana Wakefield, 747-3461.

'Lease' child care

At the child development center, unenrolled children can take the place of children who are temporarily absent. Parents whose children are temporarily enrolled pay for care at the absent parent's rate; child care costs are based on total family income. Find out more from the CDC at 8-3336.



Family support

Saturday: Give Parents a Break, 2 to 6 p.m., child development and youth centers.

Tuesday: Right Start Orientation, 8 a.m. to noon, community center, Building 4201; Time For Tots, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Thursday: Funtime Activity Group, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Volunteers needed

The airman's attic is in need of volunteers. They are seeking both military and spouses to assist in this worthwhile endeavor of helping our younger airmen. Hours are minimal. Hours of operation are Monday and Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m. Call Master Sgt. Kevin Jurgella at extension 8-3480 or Clayton Moore, base volunteer coordinator, for more information.

Strengthening step-families

The family support center is offering "Strengthening Stepfamilies," an educational course, which meets July 28 from 2 to 4 p.m., in the community center. This course is designed to help parents with stepfamilies increase their knowledge, skills and effectiveness in handling step-family issues. Some areas of discussion are: communicating more effectively, resolving conflicts, recognizing unrealistic expectations, building your couple relationship, helping children adjust to sharing a parent and many more. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 8-5690.

Information and referral

The family support center is a one-stop information center on services provided on base and in the Tucson community. Each

individual and family has unique needs. There are many agencies on and off base to assist in helping to meet those needs. If you have questions or need assistance with any matter, call the FSC information and referral specialist whose central function is to link individuals and families with the right resources to meet their specific needs. Call Rico Triana, information and referral specialist, at 8-6040 or 8-5690.

Job service

A Veteran's Representative is available for employment assistance at the family support center. A variety of services are available through this office including computerized job searches via the Internet, local and national labor market information. The job service representative is normally available Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 8-5690 for additional information.



Education services

Park University registration

Park University is continuing registration for the Fall I term, which begins Aug. 7. Please note that in order to avoid late fee charge of \$20, registration and payment needs to be in our office no later than the Friday before the term starts for the on-site classes. For Internet classes, payment must be made at the time of registration. Call 748-8266 for questions.

University of Phoenix

A University of Phoenix representative will be available to counsel interested students on Tuesday, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Building 3200, Room 262. Call Carol Ness, 881-6512, ext. 124 for additional information.

Park University

Park University offers bachelor of science degrees in criminal justice administration, social psychology, management, management/accounting, management/human resources,



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management/finance. Call 748-8266 for questions, fax to 750-8675 or e-mail parkcollege@theriver.com.

University of Arizona bookstore


The University of Arizona bookstore is open on base each eight-week term for students to purchase textbooks. It is open July 31 through Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 7 through 10, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 12, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. The bookstore is located in Building 3200, Room 264. There is no phone in the bookstore; stop by the education center for more information.

Troy State University

Troy State University offers three graduate programs: Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Human Resource Man-

agement and an Executive Master of Business Administration.

It is possible to complete the MSM or the MSHRM in one year. All classes are held on weekends. Come by the office in Room 256 at 5260 East Granite Street to discuss program requirements and to register for classes, or call 748-2625 for more information.



Other agencies

Watering hours

Lawn watering hours in family housing will be temporarily expanded for a test period in the month of August. If consumption remains normal, the expanded hours will become permanent. During the test period, residents

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may water their lawns from 5 to 8 a.m. or from 5 to 8 p.m. Even- and odd-numbered houses will still water on their designated calendar days. Residents should not water their lawns during both time periods on the same day, or water the same lawn area for the entire three-hour watering period. Call Beth Wilson, housing facilities chief, at 8-6609, for more information.

Policy change - selling leave

Reenlisting airmen who want to sell back accrued leave no longer need to be within 90 days of their date of separation. This policy is retroactive to Oct. 5. Members are prohibited from selling back more than 60 days of accrued leave. For more information, call Airman Rhoda Howard or Airman 1st Class Krissy Conover at 8-4898 or 8-1066 or visit Building 3200, Room 5.

VA benefit briefing

The next veterans affairs briefing is Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the community center. The brief provides information on loans, education and disability benefits. Call 8-5690 to sign up.

Bowl-a-thon

The First Sergeants Association will hold a Bowl-a-thon Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. at the D-M Lanes to raise money for Operation Warmheart and other enlisted recognition programs. Participants enjoy free pizza and soda and a chance to win prizes. Contact your first sergeant for details.

TRICARE Prime brief

A TRICARE Prime Update for Prime enrollees and TRICARE Standard beneficiaries will be held at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Medical Group Conference Room in Building 410 (adjacent to the medical group main building) Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. TRICARE Prime topics to be covered are: re-enrollment, co-pays, less out-of-pocket costs, portability, split enrollment, out-of-area and emergency care and other recent changes to the TRICARE program. The seminar will be approximately 40 minutes long with additional time for questions and answers. For more information, call the TRICARE service center at 512-1420.

Thrift shop closed

The thrift shop is closed for the summer. It will reopen Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

EWA meeting

The next Enlisted Wives Association meeting is Aug. 15 at 6:15 p.m. at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, Monte's room, with a social to follow. The theme for August is "Back To School". Call Dena Wakefield at 747-3461 for more information.

New mailbox

A new mailbox has been installed on the east side of the dinning facility. A six-week test period started June 30, with mail pick-ups Monday through Friday 2 and 5 p.m. No service Sundays or holidays. If the box is not used, the U.S. Post Office will remove the box.

First sergeants needed

Master sergeants and above interested in being a first sergeant are needed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and throughout the Air Force. For more information call Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Kriete, 355th Wing command chief master sergeant, at 8-3319.



Movie theater

Tonight: Small Time Crooks, (PG), 7 p.m.
Saturday: Center Stage, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sunday: Center Stage, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
July 28: Gone in 60 Seconds, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
July 29: Dinosaur, (PG), 7 p.m.
July 30: Gone in 60 Seconds, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Small Time Crooks (95 minutes). Woody Allen, Tracey Ullman. Ray is an ex-con with big dreams. His wife, Frenchy, attempts to keep him grounded in reality. So Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it. Soon their get-rich-quick scheme leaves them rolling in dough, but not the kind they had in mind.

Center Stage (113 minutes). Amanda Schull, Zoe Saldana. A tight-knit group of young dance students try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance. While experiencing the normal joys and sorrows, loves and conflicts of youth, they strive to take their place center stage.

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